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Requirements for the Social Studies Endorsement 5-8 (200M)

The following chart applies to those applicants already holding a provisional or professional teaching certificate in Maine.

You will be eligible for a transitional endorsement if you are already a teacher and you have completed 6 credits of coursework toward this endorsement under Section A.

You will be eligible for a conditional certificate if you are already a teacher upon completion of all of Section A.

If you complete all requirements, you will be issued a professional certificate, either a two-year provisional certificate or a five-year professional certificate.

NOTE: The number in () indicates the number of semester hours required.
Section A:
1. A valid provisional or professional Maine teaching certificate with a K-8, 7-12, or K-12 endorsement
2. Social studies (24)
3. Criminal history record check approval – based on fingerprints
Section B:
PRAXIS II
Middle Social Studies: Test Code 5089 Score 153

The following chart applies to those applicants who have completed a state-approved teacher education program in middle level Social Studies.

You will be eligible for a conditional certificate in Maine upon completion of all of Section A.

If you complete all requirements, you will be issued a professional certificate, either a two-year provisional certificate or a five-year professional certificate.

NOTE: The number in () indicates the number of semester hours required.
Section A:
1. Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university
2. Graduated from a program approved for the education of middle level teachers, together with the formal recommendation from the preparing institution for the endorsement being sought
3. Criminal history record check approval – based on fingerprints
Section B:
Teaching exceptional students in the regular classroom (3)

Section C: Core Academic Skills for Educators/PRAXIS I		
Reading	Test: #5712	Score 156
Writing	Test: #5722	Score 162
Mathematics	Test: #5732	Score 150
Composite		Score 468
Section D: PRAXIS II		
Middle level social studies test code 5089 score 153		

If this evaluation letter is more than two years old, please contact the certification office, as the requirements may have changed.

If you complete all requirements, you will be issued a professional certificate, either a two-year provisional certificate or a five-year professional certificate.

Fingerprint schedule on web site www.identogo.com

Courses must be 100 level or higher from a four-year accredited college offering a bachelor's degree. Required semester hours shall consist of non-duplicative coursework: examples: only one English Composition course or only one Algebra I course.

***These credits may be earned through coursework or through completion of an approved in-service program taken since July 1975 and approved by the Maine Department of Education's Certification Office. This requirement may not be met through experience.

Applicants for initial teacher certification must achieve a composite score of 468 on the three sections of the Core Academic Skills for Educators, with no single score on any section being more than three points lower than the required score above.

Applicants for certificates requiring bachelor's degrees may use passing scores on either the Pre-Professional Skills Test/PPST or the Core Academic Skills for Educators until 8-31-18. As of 9-1-18, all applicants must meet passing scores on the Core Academic Skills for Educators exams.

Applicants for certificates requiring the Principles of Learning and Teaching (PLT) PRAXIS exam for Kindergarten to Grade 8 may meet a passing score on either PLT Test Code 0522 or PLT Test Code 0622/5622 until 8-31-16. As of 9-1-16, all applicants must meet a passing score on test 0622/5622.

A provisional certificate is issued to an applicant who has met all of the requirements but has not taught for two school years in a Maine school with a Professional Learning Community Support System (PLCSS). Once an applicant has taught for two school years in a Maine school and been recommended for a five-year certificate by the local school district's PLCSS, the full five-year certificate will be issued.